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SUBJECT: ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

REF: A SEOUL 8666; B SEOUL 0035

SUMMARY: ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROTEST ACTION IS  
CONTINUING ON SEVERAL FRONTS. GROUP OF PROMINENT  
WRITERS MET JANUARY 7 AND PASSED RESOLUTION PLEDGING  
SUPPORT FOR THOSE FIGHTING FOR DEMOCRACY AND  
SOCIAL JUSTICE;" POLICE STILL HOLDING NINE MEMBERS  
OF GROUP. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT SIGNATURE  
CAMPAIGN GAINS MOMENTUM. TWO FORMER DRP LEADERS  
RESIGN FROM PARTY. END SUMMARY.

1. JANUARY 7 CBS RADIO REPORTS MEETING SAME  
MORNING AT YWCA OF 18 POETS, NOVELISTS AND  
LITERARY CRITICS. GROUP INCLUDED FORMER SNU DEAN  
YI HUI-SUNG, PROTEST POET KIM CHI-HA, AND  
NOVELIST KIM KWANG-SOP. WRITERS PASSED RESOLUTION  
PLEDGING TO WORK TOGETHER WITH ALL INTELLECTUALS  
TO BRING ABOUT "DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE."  
STATEMENT DEFINED "HUMANISTIC LIFE" AS REQUIRING  
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GUARANTEED FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND EXPRESSION

IKND SAID "NATIONAL LITERATURE" MUST BE DEDICATED  
TO THIS TYPE OF LIFE. RADIO REPORTS THAT NINE  
PARTICIPANTS HELD BY POLICE FOR "QUESTIONING."

2. SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE  
(REF A) CONTINUES. JANUARY 6 PRESS QUOTES  
CAMPAIGN SPOKESMAN CHANG CHUN-HA AS REQUESTING  
GOVERNMENT NOT TO BLOCK DRIVE, STATING THAT  
PETITION CAMPAIGN WOULD ALLOW DIALOGUE BETWEEN  
GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE AND THAT DRIVE WILL  
CONTINUE. PRESS REPORTS JANUARY 4 DECLARATION  
OF FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF CHRISTIAN STUDENTS  
PLEDGING SUPPORT FOR DRIVE AS WELL AS STATEMENT BY  
DUP POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE URGING MEMBERS  
TO PARTICIPATE IN CAMPAIGN.

3. NDP PRESIDENT YU CHIN-SAN DID NOT ENDORSE  
SIGNATURE DRIVE, BUT LOG NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS TO PARTY HE  
SAID THAT BY ADVOCATING RETURN TO GENUINE DEMOCRACY  
PARTY HAD IMPLICITLY DEMANDED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE.  
ACTING DRP CHAIRMAN YI HYU-SANG, WHO JAN 4 EXPRESSED  
WILLINGNESS TO DEBATE WITH YUSHIN CRITICS (REF B),  
LATER SAME DAY REVERSED HIS POSITION, SAYING THAT SINCE  
NO COMPROMISE IS POSSIBLE SINCE HE WILL NOT MEET WITH  
ORGANIZERS OF SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN.

4. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBOFF TONGA ILBO REPORTER  
SAID MAJORITY OF TONGA STAFF WILL SIGN PETITION, BUT  
THAT MANAGEMENT HAS ORDERED SOLICITATION BE DONE OFF  
COMPANY PROPERTY. NDP ASSEMBLYMAN CHONG IL-HYONG  
TOLD EMBOFF THAT CAMPAIGN IS GOING WELL WITH ONE  
FOURTH OF MILLION SIGNATURE GOAL ALREADY OBTAINED.  
CHONG FEELS THAT GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY IN  
BLOCKING DRIVE SINCE COLLECTION OF SIGNATURES BEING  
DONE BY INDIVIDUAL CANVASSING, WITH NO LARGE MEETINGS  
OR DEMONSTRATIONS.

5. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, KAN 17 RADIO ANNOUNCED  
RESIGNATIONS FROM GOVERNMENT PARTY OF FORMER NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLYMAN AND DRP CHAIRMAN CHONG KU-YONG (1963)  
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FORMER DRP SECRETARY GENERAL YE CHUNBWAHO (1964).  
REASON GIVEN FOR RESIGNATIONS WAS "LACK OF FREEDOM."  
CHONG QUOTED BEJAMIN FRANKLIN STATING THAT "THOSE  
WHO SACRIFICE FREEDOM FOR SECURITY WILL IN THE END  
HAVE NO SECURITY."  
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